

REMARKS

The Official Action of July 28, 2005, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application are now claims 1, 4 and 6-13, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled and new claims 8-13 added. Claims 1, 4 and 6-13 remain in the application for consideration.

With regard to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, Applicant has amended page 8, line 19 of the specification to eliminate character 125 and replace it with correct character 123. This correction also makes clear that the designation of slots 23 and 24 is correct and therefore requires no change. In this regard, page 8, lines 10-21 identifies the difference between slots 23 and 24, wherein only slots 24 are identified in Figs. 9 and 10, and slot 23 is identified in Figs. 1 and 2. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to the drawings has now been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, and rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, Applicant has:

- (1) Deleted the reference numbers from the new Replacement Abstract submitted herewith;
- (2) Amended the disclosure to eliminate each of the problems identified by the Examiner therein;
- (3) Amended the claims to clarify that cavity (21) is located on the jaw rather than the bar; and
- (4) Corrected other antecedent problems in the claims identified by the Examiner, and
- (5) Properly identified claimed means in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph.

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant has now overcome the Examiner's objection to the specification and rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claim 2 would be allowable subject to being rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has further amended claim 1 to include the allowable features of canceled claim 2. Applicant has further added new dependent claims 8-13 wherein:

- New claim 8 is supported in the specification at page 6, lines 10-20;

- New claim 9 is supported in the specification at page 6, lines 16-19;
- New claim 10 is supported in the specification at page 6, lines 21-22;
- New claim 11 is supported in the specification at page 6, lines 24-26; and
- New claim 12 is supported in the specification from line 9, page 7 to line 7 on page 8.
- New claim 13 corresponds to the features of canceled claim 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 is now allowable, along with dependent claims 4 and 6-13 and that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Acknowledgement by the PTO of the receipt of applicants' papers filed under Section 119 is noted.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their applications against any of applicant's claims.

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Favorable reconsideration and allowance are  
earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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